AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) to (c) A Departmental Inquiry has already been conducted by the Chief Vigilance Officer, Super Bazar, into the matter. This case, along with six other cases, has been referred to CBI for investigation.

Revamping PDS in Orissa

1690. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK : Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a need to revamp Public Distribution System in the cyclone affected districts of Orissa;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in that regard;

(c) whether additional allocation of rice, wheat and kerosene is proposed to be made to that State in the year 2000; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFARIS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) and (b) It was reported that there was disruption for some time in the normal functioning of Public Distribution System (PDS) due to devasting cyclone which hit coastal areas of Orissa in October, 1999. PDS in cyclone affected districts has now been restored to near normal by State Government.

There is no need for revamping of PDS only in cyclone affected districts in Orissa.

(c) and (d) A quantity of 3,50,038 tonnes of rice and 50,000 tonnes of wheat has been allotted to Government of Orissa at BPL rates for distribution to cyclone affected population in the 14 affected districts.

Additional allocation of Kerosene was also made to Orissa for the people affected by the cyclone, as demanded/requested by the State Government.

Standardising Mineral water

1691. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have enforced mandatory ISI mark for mineral water throughout the country, particularly in the national capital;

(b) if so, whether a large number of mineral water packs are still available without ISI mark and Government have failed to check its production and sale in the market;

(c) if so, the facts thereof; and

(d) the action Government have taken/propose to take to ensure sale of only ISI mark mineral water in the country, particularly in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) to (d) At present, ISI mark for mineral water is not compulsory. The Bureau of Indian Standard (BIS) does not carry out any checks on purity and quality of mineral water marketed by various companies in the country except for those industrial units holding licence to mark its product with BIS Certifications Standard Mark i.e. ISI Mark. However, in order to ensure sale of only ISI mark mineral water in the country for maintaining quality of this product, the Government has issued a draft notification in the Gazette inviting comments/suggestions from the public *vide* GSR No. 808 (E) dated 10-12-1999 proposing to cover mineral water under mandatory certifications of the BIS.

Transfer of polluting technologies by Developed countries

1692. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister, while inaugurating the World Congress on Sustainable Development in Calcutta, had stated that developed countires were transferring highly polluting technologies to the developing world;

(b) if so, what highly polluting technologies have been transferred to India; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) to (c) The Prime Minister had stated that the transfer of Environmentally Sound Technologies from industrialised to the developing countries had come to be seen as a major element of global strategies to achieve sustainable development but sometimes some industrialised countries were transferring highly polluting technolgies to the developing countries. Polluting technologies are not allowed to be transferred to India in case of inudustrial projects which require environmental